

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Bearing ~~(25,26)~~ comprising a rotation axis ~~(27)~~, a rotation body ~~(7, 8, 61, 61')~~ concentric with and rotatable around said axis ~~(27)~~, the rotation body defining a circumferential trajectory ~~(T)~~ around said rotation axis ~~(27)~~, a curved slide member ~~(22, 23, 23')~~, supported on the rotation body ~~(7, 8, 61, 61')~~ and slidable along said rotation body along the circumferential trajectory (T), the slide member ~~(22, 23, 23')~~ comprising an abutment surface ~~(28, 29)~~ extending substantially in a direction transverse to the rotation axis ~~(27)~~, a shear element ~~(21, 21', 21'')~~, supported on the rotation body ~~(7, 8, 61, 61')~~ along a part of the circumferential trajectory, and comprising an outer layer ~~(33)~~ and an inner layer ~~(34)~~ movable with respect to each other around the rotation axis ~~(27)~~, the inner layer ~~(34)~~ being fixedly connected to the rotation body and an abutment surface ~~(30, 32)~~ substantially extending in a transverse direction, and a housing part ~~(13)~~ rotatable around said axis ~~(27)~~ and fixedly connected to the slide member ~~(22, 23, 23')~~ and to the outer layer ~~(33)~~ of the shear element ~~(21, 21', 21'')~~, wherein, upon rotation of the housing ~~(13)~~ around said axis ~~(27)~~, the slide member is moved along the rotation of the circumferential trajectory until the slide member abutment surface ~~(28, 29)~~ contacts the shear member abutment surface ~~(30, 32)~~ and a rotational force is transmitted from the housing ~~(13)~~, via the abutment surfaces ~~(28, 29, 30, 32)~~ to the inner layer ~~(34)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) Bearing ~~(25,26)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the shear element ~~(21, 21', 21'')~~, comprises at least one metal layer and one elastomeric layer.

3. (Currently Amended) Bearing ~~(25,26)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the housing ~~(13)~~ at least substantially surrounds the slide member ~~(22, 23, 23')~~.

4. (Currently Amended) Bearing ~~(25,26)~~ according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the rotation body comprises a bushing ~~(51, 61, 61')~~ supported on an axis.

5. (Currently Amended) Bearing ~~(25,26)~~ according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the rotation member comprises a cylindrical shaft ~~(7, 8)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) Bearing ~~(25,26)~~ according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~

claim 1, wherein a load of more than 1000 kg is attached to the housing (~~13~~) exerting a compressive force on the shear element (~~21, 21', 21''~~).

7. (Currently Amended) A universal joint (1) comprising two mutually perpendicular bearings (~~65, 66~~) according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.

8. (Currently Amended) An offshore construction (~~62~~) comprising a floating body, at least two support arms (~~65, 66~~) on the floating body, each support arm having a base part (~~69~~) and transverse arm (~~66~~) part pivotally connected to the base part in a first hinge joint (~~70~~), the transverse arms carrying a deck structure via a support member (~~64~~), attached to the support arm (~~65, 55~~) via a second hinge joint (~~71~~), wherein at least one of the first and second hinge joint (~~70, 71~~), comprises a bearing according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1.